

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A feed comprising:

(a) a compound selected from the group consisting of ~~pentacyclic triterpenes~~ maslinic acid, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof, as an effective component, ~~as well as~~ and

(b) an additional component selected from the group consisting of fish meal, soybean meal ~~or~~ and a mixture thereof.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The feed of claim 1 wherein the ~~pentacyclic triterpenes~~ compound is present in the form of a defatted product derived from olive plants, an extracted product derived from olive or an extracted oil derived from olive.

4. (Original) The feed of claim 3, wherein the extracted product derived from olive is one obtained by extracting a defatted product obtained in the olive oil-manufacturing process with water, an organic solvent or a mixture thereof.

5. (Original) The feed of claim 3, wherein the extracted product derived from olive is one obtained by extracting olive plants with water insoluble organic solvent to obtain an olive

extract and a defatted product as an extraction residue, and extracting the defatted products with a water-containing hydrophilic organic solvent.

6. (Original) The feed of claim 5, wherein said defatted products are obtained from one member selected from the group consisting of fruits, seeds, pericarp, seed coat, leaves, stems, buds of the olive plants and a mixture thereof.

7. (Original) The feed of claim 5, wherein the water insoluble organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of pentane, hexane, heptane, ethylacetate and diethylether and the water-containing hydrophilic organic solvent is a water-containing alcohol.

8. (Currently Amended) The feed of claim 57, wherein the water-containing alcohol has an alcohol content ranging from 10 to 95% by mass and the alcohol is one having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

9. (Original) The feed of claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, organic acids, salts thereof, phosphoric acid and salts thereof.

10. (Original) The feed of claim 9 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of vitamin C, vitamin E and isoflavone.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for breeding animals comprising administering to an animal in need of such breeding a compound selected from the group consisting of

pentacyclic triterpenes, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof as a feed.

12. (Currently Amended) A fertilizer comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of ~~pentacyclic triterpenes~~maslinic acid, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof, as an effective component.

13. (Currently Amended) A fertilizer comprising a defatted product derived from olive plants, an extracted product derived from olive or an extracted oil derived from olive, as ~~an~~a maslinic acid-containing effective component.

14. (Currently Amended) A fertilizer comprising maslinic acid ~~or ursolic acid~~ as an effective component; oil meal; and a mineral mixture.

15. (Currently Amended) A melanin production-inhibitory agent for animals and plants comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of ~~pentacyclic triterpenes~~maslinic acid, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof, as an effective component.

16. (Currently Amended) A melanin production-inhibitory agent for animals and plants comprising a defatted product derived from olive plants, an extracted product derived from olive or an extracted oil derived from olive, as ~~an~~a maslinic acid-containing effective component.

17. (Currently Amended) A blackening/browning-inhibitory composition for animals and plants comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of ~~pentacyclic triterpenes~~maslinic acid, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof, as an effective component.

18. (Currently Amended) A blackening/browning-inhibitory composition comprising a defatted product derived from olive plants, an extracted product derived from olive or an extracted oil derived from olive, as ~~an~~ a maslinic acid-containing effective component.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a feed or a fertilizer comprising the step of treating olive plants or dried products, pulverized products or defatted products thereof with water and/or an organic solvent to give an extracted product having a total content of pentacyclic triterpenes, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof ranging from 0.1 to 99.99% by mass.

21. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing or improving the blackening and/or browning of an animal or plant body comprising the step of providing a compound selected from the group consisting of pentacyclic triterpenes, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof to an animal or a plant.

22. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing or improving the blackening and/or browning of an animal or plant body comprising the steps of:

(a) dissolving a compound selected from the group consisting of pentacyclic triterpenes, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof in water or a water-containing organic solvent to prepare a solution; and

(b) immersing an animal or a plant in the solution prepared in the step (a).

23. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing the melanin production in an animal or plant body, comprising the step of administering or applying a compound selected from the group consisting of pentacyclic triterpenes, physiologically acceptable salts thereof and derivatives thereof to an animal or a plant.